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BROOKLYN COLLEGE, AND  
BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 1936

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President H. A. Gleason at 3:30 P.M. at the New York Botanical Garden with 28 members present. The minutes of the meetings of November 18 and December 1 were read and adopted.

The Secretary then read the following proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws which were unanimously adopted:

To amend Article III—Officers—by (1) substituting in paragraph 1 for "Secretary" the words *Recording Secretary* and *Corresponding Secretary*. (2) Inserting in paragraph 2 before "Secretary" the word *Corresponding*.

To amend Article VII—Secretary—by striking out the existing paragraph and substituting the following:

### Article VII—Secretaries

The Recording Secretary shall keep full and accurate records of the membership and proceedings of the Club and Council; notify each member of his election and report to the Treasurer the name and residence of each member elected, and perform other duties of a similar nature as may be assigned by the Club from time to time.

The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the Charter, Seal, Constitution, By-Laws, and Records of the Club. He shall give due notice of all meetings, conduct the correspondence of the Club and prepare all letters to be written in its name, retaining copies of them. He shall serve as Chairman of the Program Committee and Exchange Committee on Publications, and perform other duties of a similar nature as may be assigned by the Club from time to time.

To amend Article 10—Council—by (1) changing in line 1, paragraph 1, the word “nineteen” to *twenty*. (2) Inserting before the first “Secretary” in line 4, paragraph 2, the word *Recording*. (3) By inserting after the word “or” in the last line of paragraph 3 the words *either of the Secretaries*.

To amend Article 14—Resignation of Members—by inserting before “Secretary” the word *Recording*.

To amend Article 21—Amendments—by inserting before “Secretary” the word *Corresponding*.

To amend By-Law 6—Program Committee—by striking out the last line and substituting the following: *The Corresponding Secretary shall be Chairman of the Committee*.

In connection with these amendments the Secretary pointed out that there was no provision in the Constitution of the Club for the Business Manager, although he has been listed as an officer and annually elected since 1919. It was further pointed out that the Exchange Committee on Publications was not listed in the By-Laws as a Standing Committee, although its nature and character were as permanent as those of the Local Flora, Field, and Program Committees.

Following the adoption of the amendments, the Chair appointed Professor T. E. Hazen as chairman of a committee to arrange for the Annual Banquet and Meeting to be held on January 5, 1937. The Secretary then brought up the question as to the desirability of appointing a Budget Committee. Professors E. B. Matzke, M. A. Chrysler, H. N. Moldenke, T. E. Hazen, and Mr. G. T. Hastings were appointed and requested to present a budget for consideration of the Council at its next meeting.

The Chairman of the Field Committee, R. H. Torrey, told of the efforts of the Hudson River Association to prevent the stone quarry at Mt. Taurus from further defacing the cliffs of the Hudson. Following this, it was moved that the Secretary write to the Governor of New York endorsing the activities of the Hudson River Association and urging him to exert utmost pressure for the removal of this quarry.

The Scientific Program consisted of an illustrated talk by Dr. H. N. Moldenke on “Five Thousand Miles Through Europe.” Dr. Moldenke related his experiences in the various her-

baria throughout Europe and exhibited numerous specimens which were collected in different countries.

J. S. KARLING  
Secretary

#### MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 1937

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 P.M. at the Faculty Club of Columbia University following the Annual Dinner, by Vice-President F. E. Denny, with 59 members and guests present. Misses Clyde Chandler and Lela Barton and Drs. W. G. Camp and R. Pratt were appointed by the Chair to count the ballots for officers for 1937. The minutes of the meeting of December 16 were then read and adopted.

Miss Agnes Sullivan, 191-12 Hollis Ave., Hollis, L. I., was elected to membership, and Misses Rhona E. Lawrence and Ann M. Wyckoff and Mr. J. Landon Rhodda were approved as Associates.

The resignations of Dr. Wm. Marquette, Dr. Bessie Goldstein, Mrs. Lucy Abbe, Miss Mary Jo Cobb, Mrs. Dorothy Francis Allen, Miss Matilde Otero, Miss Fanny A. Mulford, and Mr. B. A. Krukoff as Active Members, and Miss Mabel E. Newman and Mr. Benjamin Wunder as Associates were accepted with regret.

The annual reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Associate Editor for *Torreyia*, Business Manager, Bibliographer, Delegate to the New York Academy of Sciences, and the Chairman of the Field Committee were read and adopted.

Under the heading of old business the Secretary again pointed out that there was no provision in the Constitution of the Club for the Office of Business Manager although this officer had been elected annually since 1919, and urged that some action be taken to bring the Constitution in line with our practice. After some discussion, a motion was introduced by Dr. R. A. Harper that the same committee which drew up the amendments relative to the Offices of Corresponding and Recording Secretary be appointed to take action on this matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Secretary then read a letter from Dr. C. Stuart Gager, Director of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, urging some con-

certed action by all metropolitan scientific societies in securing the representation of science as such at the World's Fair to be held in 1939. No definite action was taken by the Club.

The Chair then appointed Drs. Harper, Dodge, and Graves as a committee to draw up resolutions relative to the death of our late President, Dr. M. A. Howe. Following this, the Treasurer presented the budget for 1937, which had been approved by the Council, and it was unanimously adopted. Mrs. R. A. Harper, Drs. R. C. Benedict, and F. T. McLean were appointed to audit the Treasurer's books for 1936.

Dr. E. D. Merrill, of Harvard University, then spoke of the practice of the New England Botanical Club of giving undergraduate and graduate students of botany junior membership in its organization, which might later be changed to full membership if they desired, and suggested that this might possibly be done by the Torrey Club. After considerable discussion, Dr. Zimmerman moved that the matter be referred to the Council for further consideration. Dr. R. Pratt then reported the results of the annual election—the officers elected being those whose names appear on the inside of the front cover.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. S. KARLING  
Secretary

### CORRECTIONS

On page 19 of the January–February number of *Torreyia* the date of the resolution given as January 8, 1936 should have been January 8, 1935.

On pages 23 and 24 the officers given for the Botanical Society of America should have been for the Ecological Society of America. The officers elected by the Botanical Society, are Dr. E. W. Sinnott, president; Dr. Loren C. Petry, vice-president; Dr. George F. Avery, Jr., secretary; Dr. F. E. Denny, treasurer.